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Breast Milk Banks
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether breast milk banks exist in our country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government plans to open such banks wherein breast milk is provided free of cost to sick and pre-term babies, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether private partnership is being considered for commercial use of breast milk on the ground that selling breast milk would act as a cross subsidy to take it to more of the needy, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has framed guidelines for such banks, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to deal with the aforementioned problem?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a) to (e): Presently, there is no breast milk bank in the country run by the Government of India (GoI). However, GoI is in process of framing national guidelines on human milk banks.

These guidelines are to be seen as an extension of the breast feeding promotion programme to cover babies not getting benefits of breast feeding due to inescapable reasons.